Listing of Claims

- 1.-42. (Cancelled).
- 43. (Currently amended) A method of treating a metastatic tumour-tumor which occurs in but does not originate from the central nervous system of a human comprising intratumoral or intracranial injection of an avirulent herpes simplex virus type 1 (HSV-1), said avirulent HSV-1 consisting of an HSV-1 genome which is modified in respect of the wild-type by a modification to the HSV-1 genome wherein such modification consists of a mutation mutated-in the γ 34.5 gene so as to become a non-functional γ 34.5 gene, wherein the avirulent HSV-1 infects and replicates within the tumor cells of tumor.
- 44. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 43 wherein the metastatic tumor occurs in the brain.
- 45. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 44 wherein the metastatic tumor is a metastasised metastasized melanoma.
 - 46. (Cancelled)
- 47. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 43 wherein the mutantsaid modified virus is a herpes simplex virus type 1 which has been modified by deletion within the BamHI s restriction fragment of the R_L terminal repeat.
 - 48-50. (Cancelled)
- 51. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 43 wherein the mutant virus is strain 1716.
 - 42-58. (Cancelled)

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59. (Currently amended) A method of treating a metastatic tumor which occurs in but does not originate from the central nervous system of a human comprising intratumoral or intracranial injection of an avirulent mutant herpes simplex virus type 1 (HSV-1), wherein the mutation consists essentially of a modified, mutated and therefore non-functional γ34.5 gene, and wherein the avirulent HSV-1 infects and replicates within the tumor cells.